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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Intelligence

SUBJECT : FBIS Printing Problems

1. While our discussions with PSD on FBIS printing requirements so far have resulted in some progress toward resolving problem areas set forth in my 8 November 1967 memorandum to you, PSD staffing limitations continue to prevent the elimination of restrictions on the number of pages that can be printed. PSD has made certain adjustments which have permitted FBIS to consolidate press and radio publications which was a major objective. Because of the increase of approximately 50,000 impressions daily as a result of the consolidation, however, PSD actually had to reduce the number of pages made available daily for FBIS materials as well as to delay delivery of the White Book. FBIS is now exploring new formats suggested by PSD which might enable us to put more printed material on each page. While some relief may be found in this manner, there are disadvantages from the standpoint of appearance.

2. Not only has PSD been unsuccessful in getting additional staff to handle FBIS printing requirements, but they are in fact losing two positions as a result of recently directed personnel cuts. In a further effort to meet FBIS requirements within its current personnel ceiling, PSD is attempting to recruit part-time printers but the Chief, PSD, is

not optimistic that this alternative will prove satisfactory.

3. Assuming that we proceed in our plan to computerize the editing and production of FBIS publications, PSD's recommended long-range solution to our problem is computer-assisted photocomposition, utilizing PHOTON 713 equipment. We support this long-range objective but we estimate that our ^{acquisition and} development of software and hardware and a minimum period of debugging and experimentation will delay implementation of this procedure at least four years. We therefore are immensely concerned over the interim period.

4. In my judgment, the efficient utilization of the end-product of our [redacted] collection effort is seriously impaired by the lack of four or five printers. We urge that this problem be taken to the DD/S or Executive Director level, in the hope that these slots can be made available to PSD, if only on a temporary four- or five-year basis, to enable it to resolve our immediate problem. In particular, we would hope that some slots [redacted] could be allocated to PSD, specifically earmarked to support FBIS.

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